

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-13 and 21, drawn to compounds and a use thereof.

Group II: Claim 14, drawn to multiple processes of making the compounds of Group I.

Additionally, a further election of one process of making the compounds of Group I, if Group I is elected, is required.

Claims 15-20 have not been grouped, as shown above, due to the Office's assertion that they "are drawn to non-statutory subject matter". Applicants' believe this may be due to the improper multiple dependencies of these claims as *originally* filed; however, these claims were amended in a preliminary amendment filed August 17, 2006. Thus, Applicants request that these claims be grouped with claims 1-13 and 21 of Group I as compositions comprising the compounds of Group I.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13 and 21 (drawn to compounds and a use thereof), for examination.

Applicants also elect the following process of making the compounds of Group I: process "(2)" of claim 14, namely reacting a compound of formula IV with a compound of formula V (see claim 14).

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. The non-elected, non-grouped composition claims 15-20 depend from and require all the limitations of the product claim 1. Accordingly, there is no undue burden for the Examiner to search and examine these claims with the products claims 1-13. Furthermore, the products of claims 1-13 and the compositions of claims 15-20 have the same special technical feature, namely the anthranilamide compound of formula (I).

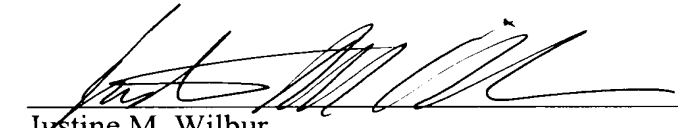
Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain the requirement for restriction.

Applicants therefore request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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